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MINUTES OF MEETING: Auburndale Historic District Commission

DATE: March 11, 2014

PLACE/TIME: Newton City Hall, Room 202, 7:30 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Italo Visco, Chair Nancy Grissom, Member

Patricia Bottomley, Member Patricia Baker, Member

Alexandra Ananth, Acting Commission Staff See attendance list

ABSENT: Rodney Barker, Member Richard Alfred, Member

Mark Armstrong, Alternate

The meeting was called to order by Chair I. Visco at 7:40 p.m. Voting permanent members included I. Visco, P. Bottomley, P. Baker, and N. Grissom. Alexandra Ananth, Chief Planner, recorded the meeting.

56 Woodland Road - Certificate of Appropriateness

Property owner Scott Miller presented an application for installation (already partially underway) of a fence to the left of the house and to the right of the house including a gate. The fence as proposed is cedar and would be painted to match the trim on the house, currently off-white. The applicant is proposing to cut the existing posts down, to add caps, and to continue with straight slats. The fence would not exceed 45 inches in height. Ornamental hardware as presented would be used.

An abutter in attendance stated he would prefer no fence but that the Commission should do what they feel is appropriate.

P. Bottomley stated that she felt the fence made the house appear larger and fill the lot more. I. Visco motioned to issue a certificate of appropriateness for the fence as proposed. The motion was seconded. This motion passed.

RECORD OF ACTION:

DATE: March 11, 2014

SUBJECT: 56 Woodland Road - Certificate of Appropriateness

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on March 11, 2014 the Auburndale Historic District Commission, by vote of 3-1,

RESOLVED to issue of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the cedar fence application as submitted at <u>56</u> <u>Woodland Road</u>. The fence is approximately 42 inches in height with no gate on the left and a single gate on the right latched with the hardware presented.

Voting in the Affirmative:

I. Visco, Chair Nancy Grissom, Member Patricia Baker, Member

Voting in the Negative:

Patricia Bottomley, Member

<u>216 Woodland Road – Certificate of Appropriateness</u>

Tom Koerber, Paul Mac Neely, and Dan Eldritch presented the project to add an approximately 1,600 square foot one-story glass entrance addition to the Edward Student Center, to re-direct an existing pedestrian path and handicap access path, to add 8 new ten-foot tall light fixtures in the immediate area, and to remove the existing handicap access ramp on Gardner Hall and replace it with a lift under the existing porch which will be repaired.

I. Visco noted that the addition improved the elevation of the existing student center with its subtlety, was respectful to the surrounding buildings, would be translucent since it is mostly glass, and improved a number of other problems in this area. He also noted that he wants to protect existing trees in front of this building, and that perhaps some screening in front of the new parking area would be appropriate. P. Baker noted that the addition looked very smart. P. Bottomley noted the addition was very contemporary.

Alderman Sangiolo was in the audience and asked that the two light poles located along Woodland Road be pulled back. The applicant agreed so long as light would be sufficient to eliminate any safety concerns, particularly where the driveway intersected the street.

This application will also have to go through the Administrative Site Plan Review process and should be brought to the next Lasell Neighborhood Council meeting.

N. Grissom motioned to issue a certificate of appropriateness for the renovations as proposed and amended. The motion was seconded. This motion passed.

RECORD OF ACTION:

DATE: March 11, 2014

SUBJECT: 216 Woodland Road - Certificate of Appropriateness

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on March 11, 2014 the Auburndale Historic District Commission, by vote of <u>4-0</u>,

RESOLVED to issue of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as filed, with the light poles along Woodward pulled back as discussed, and with the addition of landscape screening in front of the new parking area at Gardner Hall.

Voting in the Affirmative:

I. Visco, Chair Nancy Grissom, Member Patricia Baker, Member Patricia Bottomley, Member

Administrative Discussion:

Approval of Minutes

The Commission approved the December, 2013 meeting minutes, with a vote of 3 in favor and 1 abstention.

The Commission approved the January, 2013 meeting minutes, with a vote of 3 in favor and 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Recorded by Alexandra Ananth, Acting Commission Staff